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Construction of a cross anicut in Manimuthar river.

* 1041 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any petitions from the villagers of Prithivimangalam, Thyagadurgam firka, in Kallakurishi taluk praying for the construction of a cross anicut in Manimuthar river for diverting the flow of water to the three lakes of the village; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) No representations have been received recently. But with reference to representations received in 1946 and earlier, the question of restoring the Bahadur anicut across Manimuthar and excavating a supply channel to Prithivimangalam tank was examined and dropped as it would affect irrigation interests lower down. It was also found that the tank was receiving adequate supply in a normal year of rainfall and was irrigating much more than the registered ayacut."

Legislation for compulsory reference to arbitration of family disputes.

* 1042 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have asked for the opinion of the Advocates' Association of the Madras High Court regarding legislation for compulsory references to arbitration of partition and other such allied suits involving family litigation ; and

(b) if so, what the opinion of the Association is?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The proposal in favour of a compulsory arbitration may prove to be more oppressive than a long drawn litigation. Expeditious disposal of cases involving family dispute and a simplification of procedure of trial may help considerably. The remedy proposed of compulsory arbitrations does not find favour with the Advocates' Association."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Do the Government propose to accept the decision of this body as final, since this body exists and flourishes on litigation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter is under consideration. But this is a body competent to express an opinion on the matter."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I rise on a point of order, Sir. The hon. Member Sri V. Balakrishnan was pleased to insinuate that the Advocates' Association was only interested in fomenting litigation. Is he in order in insinuating a body? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Insinuation is out of order."